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TAGS: ENRG BD

SUBJ: OIL EXPLORATION PROPOSALS IN BANGLADESH

REF: (A) DACCA 1950; (B) DACCA 2000; (C) DACCA 2020

1. LETTERS NOW BEING SENT OUT BY BDG INVITING FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH HAVE MADE PROPOSALS TO EXPLORE FOR OIL BANGLADESH TO APPEAR FOR DETAILED, PERHAPS FINAL NEGOTIATIONS, SEEM TO BE OF TWO TYPES - THAT SENT ATLANTIC RICHFIELD (REF A) AND THOSE SENT SO FAR TO SIX SMALLER COMPANIES WHICH HAVE NOT MADE FULL PRESENTATION THEIR OFFERS (REFS B, C).

2. COPY OF FURTHER LETTER NOW RECEIVED, OF FIRST TYPE, FOR ASHLAND OIL. PLEASE PASS TO HOME COMPANY, ASHLAND, KY. 41101, AND TO JEAN- PAUL LEGRAND, PARIS REP ASHLAND OIL (PARIS 21762, 11/14/72).

3. LETTER DATED MAY 9. TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR SIRs, KINDLY REFER TO YOUR LETTER NO. NIL DATED THE 5 TH OCTOBER, 1972. WE ARE PRESENTLY EXAMINING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY YOUR COMPANY FOR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN BANGLADESH AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE SAME IN DETAILS WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE/
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REPRESENTATIVES AT OUR OFFICE. WE WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST YOU
SEND
YOUR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE/ REPRESENTATIVES TO DACCA ON ANY
DAY
DURING THE PERIOD FROM 4 TH JUNE TO 9 TH JUNE. WE SHALL VERY MUCH
APPRECIATE IT YOU KINDLY CONFIRM BY CABLE THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER.
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU CONSIDER THE PROPOSED
PERIOD INCONVENIENT TO YOU AND IF SO MAY SUGGEST ANY OTHER
CONVENIENT
DATE FOR THE MEETING. THANK YOU, YOURS FAITHFULLY, AHMED REZA,
OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY (OIL EXPLORATION), MINISTRY OF NATURAL
RESOURCES UNQUOTE.

4. UNLIKE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, ASHLAND NOT, REPEAT NOT, AMONG 12 US
COMPANIES INVITED BY INDIA CONSIDER OFFSHORE EXPLORATION THERE
(DELHI 4879).

5. ANOTHER COMPANY INTERESTED BOTH INDIAN AND BD EXPLORATION,
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, VISITED DACCA ENROUTE FROM INDIA HOME,
CALLED ON REZA, FOUND IT WAS TO HAVE BEEN SENT BDG INVITATION OF
ATLANTIC RICHFIELD TYPE. FINAL NEGOTIATIONS APPARENTLY COMPLETED
WITH
OCCIDENTAL, RESULTS UNKNOWN.
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